



TRAINING GUIDE

**FOR CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALISTS
AND OTHER PEER STAFF**

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CERTIFIED PEER RECOVERY SPECIALIST (CPRS) TRAINING

What is a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist (CPRS)?

A Certified Peer Recovery Specialist is a person who has lived experience of a mental illness, substance use disorder or co-occurring disorder, who has made the journey from illness to wellness, and who has specialized training to help others with their journey. Certified Peer Recovery Specialists can draw from their own journey of recovery and their training to inspire hope and provide support to others who are facing similar situations.

What are the requirements to take the CPRS Training?

CPRS Trainings are open to Tennesseans ages 18 years and older who have lived experience of mental illness, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder and who have a minimum of 24 consecutive months of recovery and a high school diploma or equivalent. An extensive training application must be completed before acceptance into the training. For more information and additional requirements, see the CPRS Handbook at www.tn.gov/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-program

How long is the training?

40 hours in person over one week, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm or 20 hours per week over a two-week period via Zoom.

Do you have to be a peer?

Yes. Additional requirements can be found in the CPRS Handbook at www.tn.gov/certified-peer-recovery-specialist-program

Can just one person teach it?

No. CPRS Training Facilitators are trained and certified through the Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (TDMHSAS); each training requires two CPRS Training Facilitators. Only certified CPRS Trainers can facilitate CPRS trainings.

Is there a fee?

No registration fee.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

All training materials are provided during the training.

How often do you need a refresher?

At this time no refresher course is offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

Apply online at: [Certified Peer Recovery Specialist Application Part One: Training](#)

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CERTIFIED YOUNG ADULT PEER SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING

What is a Certified Young Adult Peer Support Specialist?

A Certified Young Adult Peer Support Specialist (CYAPSS) is a young adult who has overcome hardship and is ready to serve and support others. These young adults (ages 18-30) self-identify as being in recovery or on a path of wellness because of their mental health condition, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder. With CYAPSS training and additional guidance, CYAPSS can draw from their own journey of recovery and healing to inspire hope in those they serve.

What are the requirements to take the CYAPSS Training?

CYAPSS Trainings are open to young adults between ages 18 and 30 who self-identify as being in recovery or on a path of wellness because of lived experience with a mental health condition, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder. A high school diploma or equivalent is required. If the young adult has lived experience of substance use disorder, 12 consecutive months of recovery is required.

How long is the training?

40 hours over one week, Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm

Do you have to be a peer?

In order to participate in the training, one must be a peer between ages 18 and 30 with lived experience of a mental health condition, substance abuse, co-occurring disorder, or involvement in another child or adult-serving system.

Can just one person teach it?

No. Two trainers who are certified by TDMHSAS as CYAPSS Trainers are needed. One trainer is certified as a CYAPSS (or on the path to becoming certified), and the other is a supportive adult. The supportive adult (30 and over) will ideally have lived experience of their own or have a close, personal connection to someone with lived experience.

Is there a fee?

No registration fee.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

All training materials are provided during the training.

How often do you need a refresher?

At this time no refresher course is offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

Apply online at [Certified Young Adult Peer Support Specialist Part One: Training Application](#)

For questions, contact:

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CERTIFIED FAMILY SUPPORT SPECIALIST TRAINING

What is a Certified Family Support Specialist?

A Certified Family Support Specialist (CFSS) is a person who has self-identified as the biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, or relative caregiver with legal custody of a child or youth with a mental, emotional, behavioral and/or co-occurring disorder and who has successfully navigated the child-serving systems to access treatment and resources necessary to build resiliency and foster success in the home, school, and community. This individual has successfully completed training recognized by TDMHSAS on how to assist other caregivers in fostering resiliency in their child, based on the principles of resiliency and recovery.

What are the requirements to take the Family Support Specialist Training?

Self-identify as a person who has self-identified as the biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, or relative caregiver with legal custody of a child or youth with a mental, emotional, behavioral and/or co-occurring disorder and who has successfully navigated the child-serving systems to access treatment and resources necessary to build resiliency and foster success in the home, school, and community.

How long is the training?

3 days

Do you have to be a peer?

No. You do have to self-identify as the biological parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, or relative caregiver with legal custody of a child or youth with a mental, emotional, behavioral and/or co-occurring disorder and who has successfully navigated the child-serving systems to access treatment and resources necessary to build resiliency and foster success in the home, school, and community.

Can just one person teach it?

The Family Support Specialist training is team-taught by NAMI Tennessee and Tennessee Voices for Children.

Is there a fee?

\$500. Scholarships may be available. Contact TVC for more information.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

All training materials are provided during the training.

How often do you need a refresher?

Refreshers are offered periodically but are not required.

Who do you contact for training?

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WRAP® II FACILITATOR TRAINING

What is WRAP®?

The Wellness Recovery Action Plan (WRAP®) is a personalized wellness and recovery system born out of and rooted in the principle of self-determination. WRAP® is a wellness and recovery approach that helps people to 1) decrease and prevent intrusive or troubling feelings and behaviors; 2) increase personal empowerment; 3) improve quality of life, and 4) achieve their own life goals and dreams. Working with a WRAP® can help individuals monitor uncomfortable and distressing feelings and behaviors and, through planned responses, reduce, modify, or eliminate those feelings. A WRAP® also includes plans for responses from others when an individual cannot make decisions, take care of themselves, and/or keep themselves safe. In Tennessee WRAP® I is the class itself where you create your own WRAP® plan and WRAP® II is the facilitator training where you can learn to teach WRAP® I to others. The WRAP® II Facilitator training is appropriate for anyone who would like to lead WRAP® groups, work with others to develop their own WRAP® and give presentations on mental health recovery related issues to groups or organizations. The WRAP® II Facilitator training provides an experiential learning environment based on mutuality. Participants in this course participate in interactive learning activities and demonstrate their own experience with WRAP®.

What are the requirements to take the WRAP® II Facilitator Training?

Provide a WRAP® I certificate obtained in an individual WRAP® I training, in a 2- or 3-day Seminar I (WRAP® I) course or workshop, or an 8- or 12-week Seminar I (WRAP® I) group or workshop, any of which must have been taught by a WRAP® II Facilitator or Advanced Level WRAP® Facilitator.

How long is the training?

5 days

Do you have to be a peer?

No. The WRAP® II Facilitator Trainings provided in Tennessee by TMHCA are open to any Peer Support Center staff member, Certified Peer Recovery Specialist, or behavioral health agency staff member who has completed WRAP® I.

Can just one person teach it?

No. Fidelity requires two trained WRAP® II Facilitators to teach each WRAP® class.

Is there a fee?

If this training is taken with TMHCA, there is no registration fee.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

If this course is taken with TMHCA, WRAP® II Facilitator Manuals are provided at no cost; otherwise, manuals may be purchased directly from the Copeland Center for Wellness and Recovery at <https://copelandcenter.com/>

How often do you need a refresher?

Every two years. WRAP® II Facilitator Refresher Trainings, per Copeland Center Standards, last three days and include one hour of ethics training. Any individual certified as a WRAP® Facilitator within the last two years is eligible to attend the WRAP® II Facilitator Refresher training.

Who do you contact for training?

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BRIDGES

What is BRIDGES?

Building Recovery of Individual Dreams & Goals through Education & Support (BRIDGES) is a self-help program that provides education and support to people with lived experience of mental illness. There are two parts to the program:

1. A 10-week recovery education course taught by trained peers
2. Support groups facilitated by trained peers

The 10-week education component of the program includes classes of different lengths designed for people with lived experience of mental illness in either community or inpatient settings. BRIDGES classes offer detailed information on mental illness, mental health treatment, self-help skills and the philosophy of recovery. The goal is to empower students to take an active role in their treatment and recovery. Classes include discussions and exercises to help students apply the information.

What are the requirements to take the BRIDGES Facilitator Training?

Currently, to register for the BRIDGES Facilitator Training you must be 18 years old, have a lived experience of a mental illness, have basic writing/reading skills, and be willing to commit to teaching BRIDGES.

How long is the training?

5 days

Do you have to be a peer?

Yes, the BRIDGES Facilitator Training is for people who have lived experience of mental illness.

Once trained as a BRIDGES Facilitator, can just one person teach the BRIDGES classes?

Yes, if they've taught BRIDGES in the past or have other experience such as teaching WRAP®. Single BRIDGES Facilitators are encouraged to plan ahead to make sure they have someone in the class or the building that could help out in a crisis, should one occur.

Is there a fee?

No registration fee.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Yes, there is a training manual for BRIDGES Facilitators that is provided during the BRIDGES Facilitator's training. There is also a BRIDGES book for students taking the BRIDGES class. Trained BRIDGES Facilitators can contact TMHCA for the materials needed to teach BRIDGES.

How often do you need a refresher?

Every two years. The refresher course is a one-day training.

Who do you contact for training?

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INTRODUCTION TO PEER SUPPORT

What is Introduction to Peer Support? (formerly Peer Counseling)

The Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association (TMHCA) provides Introduction to Peer Support trainings across the state of Tennessee. Introduction to Peer Support gives nonjudgmental, non-directive support to a peer and is provided by a peer instead of a mental health professional. This course teaches those working in the peer-to-peer field how to support other peers using active listening and peer engagement skills. It is empowering for attendees and supports the peer model of recovery. Active role plays and feedback sessions allow attendees to learn new skills or polish existing skills to communicate with others in a deliberate, mindful manner.

What are the requirements to take Introduction to Peer Support?

To register for the Introduction to Peer Support Training, you must be 18 years old or older, have a lived experience of a mental illness and/or substance use disorder, and have basic writing/reading skills. As an introductory training, Introduction to Peer Support is not appropriate for Certified Peer Recovery Specialists, who have already completed advanced training to obtain certification. However, it is a recommended training to take as a steppingstone prior to the state CPRS certification training, if desired.

How long is the training?

2 days (includes 1 hour of ethics training)

Do you have to be a peer?

Yes, Introduction to Peer Support is for people who have lived experience of mental illness and/or substance use disorder.

Is there a fee?

No registration fees.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

There is no book. All training materials are provided by TMHCA.

How often do you need a refresher?

No refreshers are offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

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MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour course that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health concerns, builds an understanding of their impact, and provides an overview of common treatments. The course uses role-playing and simulations to demonstrate how to assess a mental health crisis; select interventions and provide initial help; and connect persons to professional, peer and social supports as well as self-help resources.

Mental Health First Aid allows for early detection and intervention by teaching participants about the signs and symptoms of specific illnesses such as anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, and addictions. The program offers concrete tools and answers key questions such as “What can I do?” and “Where can someone find help?” Participants are introduced to local mental health resources, national organizations, support groups, and online tools for mental health and addictions treatment and support.

Mental Health First Aid USA is operated by the National Council for Behavioral Health.

Like traditional first aid, Mental Health First Aid does not teach people to treat or diagnose mental health or substance use conditions. Instead, the training teaches people how to offer initial support until appropriate professional help is received or until the crisis resolves.

What are the requirements to take the Mental Health First Aid training?

None

How long is the course?

8 hours

Do you have to be a peer?

No

After attending the 8-hour course, can you teach the 8-hour Mental Health First Aid course to others?

No. To become a Certified Mental Health First Aid Instructor, go to www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

The manual is provided by TMHCA.

How often do you need a refresher?

A refresher is suggested every three years.

Who do you contact to find a Mental Health First Aid course?

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You can also go to <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/find-a-course/>

IN OUR OWN VOICE

What is In Our Own Voice?

NAMI's In Our Own Voice presentations change attitudes, assumptions and stereotypes by describing the reality of living with mental illness. People with mental health conditions share their powerful personal stories in this free 60- or 90-minute presentation.

What are the requirements to teach it?

In Our Own Voice is taught by NAMI Tennessee trainers certified by NAMI National.

How long is the training?

There is an initial online training plus an 8-hour group training in crafting your story and preparing your presentation.

Do you have to be a peer?

Yes. In Our Own Voice teaches people with lived experience of mental illness how to tell their personal story of recovery.

Can just one person teach it?

No

Is there a fee?

Although there is no cost to take the IOOV training, each participant agrees to give a minimum number of presentations. The standard is two, but four are required for Davidson County participants.

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

No, there is not a book.

How often do you need a refresher?

At this time no refresher course is offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

NAMI Tennessee
615-361-6608
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WHOLE HEALTH ACTION MANAGEMENT (WHAM)

What is Whole Health Action Management (WHAM)?

WHAM is a peer-led program for people with chronic physical and behavioral health conditions that promotes self-management to create and sustain new health behavior. Though anyone can benefit from the WHAM process, the program is specifically designed to counter the high incidence of chronic physical health conditions – such as diabetes, heart disease, and obesity – among people living with behavioral health conditions. WHAM is a science-based program that teaches participants to set and achieve whole health goals through weekly action plans and 8-week support groups. The training prepares peers employed in behavioral health organizations to facilitate WHAM groups that help their peers reach whole health, wellness, and resiliency goals through effective self-management.

What are the requirements to teach WHAM?

No experience is needed for people who want to use the guide on their own. It is strongly advised that those planning to teach WHAM to others receive training from the [National Council for Behavioral Health](#). In addition, it is advisable for at least one of the teachers to have experience leading health education groups.

How long is the WHAM Facilitator Training?

The in-person WHAM Facilitator Training is two days. Otherwise, download and review the materials found at: <https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/wham-training-guide.html>

Do you have to be a peer?

The training is designed for peer specialists who agree to:

- Create and work toward a whole health and resiliency goal
- Provide peer support to reach his/her whole health and resiliency goal
- Facilitate or participate in an 8-week whole health and resiliency peer group

Once trained as a WHAM Facilitator, can just one person teach it?

Yes, the 8-week WHAM classes can be taught by one trained WHAM Facilitator.

Is there a fee?

No registration fee for the website training; in-person fees vary

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

The WHAM Participant Manual and Facilitator Manual can be accessed at this link: <https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/wham-training-guide.html>

How often do you need a refresher?

No refreshers are offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

For In-Person Training, please visit: <https://www.thenationalcouncil.org/training-courses/whole-health-action-management/>

To take the training on your own, please visit: <https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/wham-training-guide.html>

CHRONIC DISEASE SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CDSMP)

What is the Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)?

The CDSMP is an evidence-based program developed at Stanford University. Participants attend a 2½-hour interactive workshop once a week for 6 weeks to learn problem-solving, decision-making, and other techniques for managing problems common to people with chronic diseases. In a typical workshop, participants set a realistic goal for the upcoming week and develop an action plan for meeting that goal. They report on their progress at the following workshop and solicit feedback from the group to help address any challenges. The workshops are facilitated by a pair of trained leaders, one or both of whom have chronic diseases themselves.

The workshop topics include the following:

- How to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain, and isolation
- Ways to maintain and improve strength, flexibility, and endurance
- Managing medications
- How to communicate more effectively with family, friends, and health professionals
- Healthy eating

What are the requirements to teach it?

The CDSMP must be taught by two trained leaders, one or both of whom have chronic diseases themselves. CDSMP Leaders must be trained by Certified Master Trainers or must be Master Trainers themselves.

How long is the training?

Four days

Do you have to be a peer?

No, you can be a person with a chronic health condition or have a family member or be a caretaker of someone with a chronic health condition.

Can just one person teach it?

No. Fidelity to the evidence-based practice requires two trained facilitators.

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Depending on the training, the book is sometimes provided. The book can be purchased at <https://www.bullpub.com/catalog/Living-a-Healthy-Life-with-Chronic-Conditions-4th-Edition>

How often do you need a refresher?

From the Fidelity Manual on the Self-Management Resource Center website: If a year is passing by and the chances of offering a workshop are low, the Leader should take refresher training in person or online. If neither of these is done and the time expires, the Leader must be retrained. The online option costs \$50. Leader trainees will be asked to

complete pre-webinar homework which can take up to four hours, and attend one real time webinar with up to 25 other trainees. Trainees will meet together at the webinar meeting for up to three hours. For more information, go to www.selfmanagementresource.com Otherwise, the 4-day leader training can be retaken.

How often do I need to facilitate a training in order to stay Active?

To remain “Active” as a Leader, after taking the training and completing 1 workshop within 12 months, you must facilitate at least 1 workshop per year. If you are certified in more than one program (CDSMP, DSMP, CPSMP) you must alternate each year and within 2 years, you must complete at least 1 workshop for each program you are certified in. If you do not facilitate at least 1 workshop per year, you will become “Inactive” and must complete a Refresher course online or in person if it has been one year since your last workshop. If you haven’t completed a workshop in more than one year, you must retake the 4-Day training.

Who do you contact for training?

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Additional Trainings may be offered in your area. Please go to www.selfmanagementresource.com

DIABETES SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (DSMP)

What is the Diabetes Self-Management Program (DSMP)?

The DSMP is an evidence-based program developed at Stanford University. Participants attend a 2½-hour interactive workshop once a week for 6 weeks to learn problem-solving, decision-making, and other techniques for managing problems common to people with diabetes. In a typical workshop, participants set a realistic goal for the upcoming week and develop an action plan for meeting that goal. They report on their progress at the following workshop, and solicit feedback from the group to help address any challenges. The workshops are facilitated by a pair of leaders, one or both of whom are professionals with diabetes themselves.

The workshop topics include the following:

- How to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain, and hyper/hypoglycemia
- Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance
- Managing medications
- How to communicate more effectively with family, friends, and health professionals
- Healthy eating

What are the requirements to teach it?

The DSMP must be taught by two trained leaders, one or both of whom are professionals with diabetes themselves. Must be trained by certified Master Trainers or must be Master Trainers themselves.

How long is the training?

Four days, unless the trainee has already been trained in the CDSMP, in which case the DSMP training is two days.

Do you have to be a peer?

No, you can be a person with diabetes or have a family member or be a caretaker of someone with diabetes.

Can just one person teach it?

No. Fidelity to the evidence-based practice requires two trained facilitators.

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Depending on the training, the book is sometimes provided. The book can be purchased at <https://www.bullpub.com/catalog/Living-a-Healthy-Life-with-Chronic-Conditions-4th-Edition>

How often do you need a refresher?

From the Fidelity Manual on the Self-Management Resource Center website: If a year is passing by and the chances of offering a workshop are low, the Leader should take refresher training in person or online. If neither of these is done and the time expires, the

Leader must be retrained. The online option costs \$50. Leader trainees will be asked to complete pre-webinar homework which can take up to four hours, and attend one real time webinar with up to 25 other trainees. Trainees will meet together at the webinar meeting for up to three hours. For more information, go to www.selfmanagementresource.com Otherwise, the 4-day leader training can be retaken.

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To remain “Active” as a Leader, after taking the training and completing 1 workshop within 12 months, you must facilitate at least 1 workshop per year. If you are certified in more than one program (CDSMP, DSMP, CPSMP) you must alternate each year and within 2 years, you must complete at least 1 workshop for each program you are certified in. If you do not facilitate at least 1 workshop per year, you will become “Inactive” and must complete a Refresher course online or in person if it has been one year since your last workshop. If you haven’t completed a workshop in more than one year, you must retake the 4-Day training.

Who do you contact for training?

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CHRONIC PAIN SELF-MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CPSMP)

What is the Chronic Pain Self-Management Program (CPSMP)?

The CPSMP is an evidence-based program developed at Stanford University. Participants attend a 2½-hour interactive workshop once a week for 6 weeks to learn problem-solving, decision-making, and other techniques for managing problems common to people with chronic pain. In a typical workshop, participants set a realistic goal for the upcoming week and develop an action plan for meeting that goal. They report on their progress at the following workshop, and solicit feedback from the group to help address any challenges. The workshops are facilitated by a pair of leaders, one or both of whom are professionals with chronic pain themselves.

The workshop topics include the following:

- How to deal with frustration, fatigue, pain, and hyper/hypoglycemia
- Appropriate exercise for maintaining and improving strength and endurance
- Managing medications
- How to communicate more effectively with family, friends, and health professionals
- Nutrition
- How to evaluate new treatments

What are the requirements to teach it?

The CPSMP must be taught by two trained leaders, one or both of whom are professionals with chronic pain themselves. Must be trained by certified Master Trainers or must be Master Trainers themselves.

How long is the training?

Four days, unless the trainee has already been trained in the CDSMP, in which case the CPSMP training is two days.

Do you have to be a peer?

No, you can be a person with chronic pain, have a family member with chronic pain, or be a caretaker of someone with chronic pain.

Can just one person teach it?

No. Fidelity to the evidence-based practice requires two trained facilitators.

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Depending on the training, the book is sometimes provided. The book can be purchased at <https://www.bullpub.com/catalog/Living-a-Healthy-Life-with-Chronic-Pain>

How often do you need a refresher?

From the Fidelity Manual on the Self-Management Resource Center website: If a year is passing by and the chances of offering a workshop are low, the Leader should take refresher training in person or online. If neither of these is done and the time expires, the Leader must be retrained. The online option costs \$50. Leader trainees will be asked to complete pre-webinar homework which can take up to four hours, and attend one real time webinar with up to 25 other trainees. Trainees will meet together at the webinar meeting for up to three hours. For more information, go to www.selfmanagementresource.com Otherwise, the 4-day leader training can be retaken.

How often do I need to facilitate a training in order to stay Active?

To remain “Active” as a Leader, after taking the training and completing 1 workshop within 12 months, you must facilitate at least 1 workshop per year. If you are certified in more than one program (CDSMP, DSMP, CPSMP) you must alternate each year and within 2 years, you must complete at least 1 workshop for each program you are certified in. If you do not facilitate at least 1 workshop per year, you will become “Inactive” and must complete a Refresher course online or in person if it has been one year since your last workshop. If you haven’t completed a workshop in more than one year, you must retake the 4-Day training.

Who do you contact for training?

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QPR (QUESTION, PERSUADE, REFER)

What is QPR?

QPR stands for Question, Persuade, and Refer—the 3 simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. The most widely taught gatekeeper training in the world, QPR is designed to help any and everyone learn how to recognize the warning signs of suicide, offer hope, and help save lives. Participants will learn how to intervene with an individual at-risk, persuade them to get help and guide them to the appropriate resources. The QPR mission is to save lives and reduce suicidal behaviors by providing innovative, practical and proven suicide prevention training.

What are the requirements to take the QPR training in Tennessee?

There are no requirements to take the training.

How long is the QPR training?

Two hours.

Do you have to be a peer?

No

After taking the QPR training in Tennessee, can you teach the QPR training to others?

No. After taking the QPR training in Tennessee, you can recognize the signs of suicide, intervene with an individual at-risk, persuade them to get help and guide them to the appropriate resources. To become a QPR trainer, go to <https://qprinstitute.com/become-an-instructor>

Is there a fee to take QPR?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

All materials are provided at the training.

How often do you need a refresher?

No refresher is offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)
www.tspn.org
(615) 297-1077

APPLIED SUICIDE INTERVENTION SKILLS TRAINING (ASIST)

What is Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)?

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST) is a two-day interactive workshop in suicide first aid. ASIST teaches participants to recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety.

What are the requirements to take the ASIST Training?

Although ASIST is widely used by healthcare providers, participants don't need any formal training to attend the workshop—anyone 16 or older can learn and use the ASIST model.

How long is the ASIST Training?

Two days

Do you have to be a peer?

No

After taking the ASIST training in Tennessee, can you teach the ASIST Training to others?

No. After taking the ASIST training, participants can recognize when someone may have thoughts of suicide and work with them to create a plan that will support their immediate safety. To become an ASIST Registered Trainer, go to <https://www.livingworks.net/training-and-trainers/become-a-trainer/>

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

No

How often do you need a refresher?

No refresher is offered or required.

Who do you contact for training?

Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN)
www.tspn.org
(615) 297-1077

DIMENSIONS: TOBACCO FREE PROGRAM

What is the DIMENSIONS: Tobacco Free Program?

The DIMENSIONS: Tobacco Free Program is a 6-week, evidence-based tobacco cessation program that is designed to teach providers and peers the necessary information and skills they need to promote successful tobacco cessation within their organizations. Trainees learn motivational engagement strategies, community referrals, educational activities, individual and group treatments, and policy change strategies. The program teaches trainees the skills and resources to promote positive behavior change in individuals interested in living tobacco-free.

What are the requirements to teach it?

The DIMENSIONS: Tobacco Free Program is designed to be led by persons trained to work in healthcare, mental health, addictions, public health, business and other community settings. Tobacco Free Program facilitators should have experience with training, group facilitation, and health behavior change prior to implanting this program. The education and training provided to Tobacco Free facilitators by the Behavioral Health and wellness program are intended to build upon already existing skills and experience facilitating groups. If you do not have this experience, you should seek out additional training and supervision before beginning the Tobacco Free Program at your organization.

How long is the training?

For a group of trainees, Tobacco Free is a 1-day training. Limited one-on-one trainings that last 3-4 hours may be available by request.

Do you have to be a peer?

No, but it is designed to be a peer-to-peer program.

If you are teaching it to 5 people or less, can just one person teach it?

Yes, the 6-week DIMENSIONS: Tobacco Free Program can be taught by one trained facilitator.

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Training participants receive a binder with all necessary course materials.

How often do you need a refresher?

If you were trained in the Tobacco Free 4.2 version, prior to July 1, 2019, you must be updated to the new 5.1 version. The 5.1 version should be good for at least 5 years.

Who do you contact for training?

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NEW-R: NUTRITION & EXERCISE FOR WELLNESS & RECOVERY

What is the NEW-R Program?

The Nutrition and Exercise for Wellness and Recovery Program is an 8-week program that helps people gain new knowledge and skills for healthier eating and physical activity. Participants examine their eating and exercise habits to identify what they'd most like to change, and set achievable goals each week to make these changes. NEW-R can help participants lose weight through nutritious meal planning, reduced portion sizes, and increased daily exercise. Peer support and intentionality are used to help participants stay on-track.

Each session is comprised of didactic teaching of nutritional and other health content, followed by active learning in which participants practice skills and make plans to apply the information in their own lives. This format allows the program to be highly individualized to each person's needs, strengths, interests, and personal situation. There is an exercise portion to each weekly session and participants follow along to a previously recorded video that is provided.

What are the requirements to teach it?

While specialized training is not necessary to run a NEW-R class, it is advisable for at least one of the teachers to have experience leading health education groups (such as previous training in teaching CDSMP, DSMP, or CPSMP, for example).

Helpful preparation also includes:

- Reading the entire leader and participant manuals before running a class
- Regularly visiting ChooseMyPlate.gov for current dietary guidelines, fact sheets, recipes, and other educational resources.
- Learning about the role of food in various cultures
- NEW-R works best when both facilitators also set healthy eating and exercise goals, along with the class participants. This will help build empathy for the struggles many people face when seeking to change their health habits.

NEW-R is taught using a leader manual (42 pages) and a participant manual (70 pages). Both are written at a grade school level. They can be downloaded for free and should be printed and bound for use.

How long is the training?

The training, via webinar, is an hour long. Trainees must view the webinar and download and review the Participant and Leader Manuals, and the exercise videos. Everything you need can be found here: <https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/new-r.html>

Do you have to be a peer?

Ideally, at least 1 of 2 co-facilitators must be a Peer.

Is there a fee?

No

Is there a book? Where do I get it?

Yes, there is a leader manual (42 pages) and a participant manual (70 pages). Both are written at a grade school level. They can be downloaded for free and should be printed and bound for use. You may find these at: <https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/new-r.html>

How often do you need a refresher?

No refreshers are needed at this time.

Who do you contact for training?

<https://www.center4healthandsdc.org/new-r.html>

ADDITIONAL TRAINING RESOURCES

Recovery within Reach

www.recoverywithinreach.org

A variety of trainings, including webinars

Tennessee Mental Health Consumers' Association (TMHCA):

www.tmhca-tn.org

Introduction to Peer Support, Mental Health First Aid, WRAP® II Facilitator Training and Refresher and BRIDGES Facilitator Training

Tennessee Association of Alcohol, Drug and other Addiction Services (TAADAS)

www.taadas.org

A variety of trainings, including WRAP® I, motivational interviewing, etc.

National Association of Peer Supporters (NAPS)

www.peersupportworks.org

Tennessee Suicide Prevention Network (TSPN):

www.tspn.org

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR), Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)

Relias Learning

<https://airs.academy.reliaslearning.com/>